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## What Does Christmas Mean?



### WHAT DID IT MEAN TO GOD? GIVING HIS SON!

*“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life” (John 3:16.)*

### WHAT DID IT MEAN TO CHRIST? GIVING HIMSELF!

*“... Christ Jesus who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: but made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross” (Phil. 2:5-8.)*

### WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO YOU? A GIFT OF ETERNAL LIFE!

*“For unto you is born this day... a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord” (Luke 2:11) “... the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord” (Romans 6:23). “... as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believeth on his name” (John 1:12). “... He that hath the Son hath life;...” (1 John 5:12).*



EDITORIAL

STAR or SATELLITE?

By JERRY McCLENAGAN

Russia and the United States contend for supremacy. Bitter rivalry exists between the two nations. Competition for superior methods and machinery keeps each one tense in her exploits. Especially, since the struggle for space-dominion has begun.

Hurled into space is a man-made star—a satellite. The purpose: to broaden our horizons, conquer space limitations, free ourselves from earth's boundaries.

Will we succeed? Many are skeptical; some are hopeful; a few are confident we will. These few say: "We have seen our star; it means progress. The monotony of life will be broken; it will take on new meaning. We are headed for new worlds, new adventures."

Now listen to a few men who were also considered crack-brained: "Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him."

These three men had set their sights higher than most men of their day. They were visionary, idealistic men. They had their minds set on the heavens.

But what a discovery they made! Their search of the heavens revealed to them the Bright and Morning Star! For "lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was." This Young Child was Jesus!

Jesus! The new-born King! His reign would begin in the hearts of men! He would be called the "King of righteousness," and the "King of peace." He would transform and enrich the hearts of millions.

His reign will He consummate when "... the kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ." He will sit on His throne in splendor and power. He shall be worshipped forever.

Joy swelled the hearts of these

three men when they came to worship Christ. "When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding joy." Will we experience similar joy this Christmas season? It all depends on what we're searching for in life. Are you searching for a star or a satellite? Do you long for Christ, "the bright and morning star," or, "the fashion of this world which passeth away?" Jesus declared, "... the kingdom of God is within you." Let Him reign! For "... the kingdom of God is ... righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost."

Jesus speaks to you: "I am come a light into the world, that whosoever believeth on me should not abide in darkness." May the light of that radiant Star, "... the true light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world," shine into your heart as you worship Him this Christmas.

(Scripture used: Matt. 2:3-9; Rev. 22:16; I Cor. 7:31; Luke 17:21; Romans 14:17; Heb. 7:2; Rev. 11:15; John 12:46; John 1:9.)

Probably the most of the difficulties of trying to live the Christian life arise from attempting to half live it. Henry Drummond

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"Flattery is soft soap—and soft soap is ninety percent lye." Let us be sincere in our compliments; "Render therefore to all their dues: ... honour to whom honour" (Rom. 13:7).

"Preaching is pretty easy if you keep telling the people what they want to hear—and utterly useless."

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## Christmas

# Christmas is at the Door

Expectant and busy days lie ahead of us—the days of our blessed Christmas season. For every person it has a meaning, the purpose is so well known, the custom so entrenched and established—it is a time of giving and receiving of gifts.

One must admit that some souls try to forget the occasion, and others selfishly think more of the commercial and business gain. While others may think of Christmas as a round of programs, visitations and gaiety with no thought of the Jewel from Heaven in whose memory it is kept, and there are a few that will let the day go by almost unnoticed, yet Christmas day is different. There is a reason, let us study that reason.

The man of general knowledge might place Christmas as a day set aside only by church authority with no great historical value. They might classify it with our Independence day, July 4th, or with other national days of freedom and victory over other nations. However, we must go deeper and see further and let the Bible answer for us.

Almost 700 years before the Birth of Christ, the Saviour of men, the Gift of God, there came a prophet whose words were mountain peaks of prophecy. Let us look at some of these towering peaks that mark a trail of devotion and accuracy.

Think of Isaiah 7:14, **“Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign: Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.”** There is a special witness and blessing when Heaven speaks. Here it is—the Lord (or God) Himself shall give to all the world a

sign. Christ was to be born of a Virgin—that sign has been attested by men, along with the flood account and the story of Jonah and the whale, yet all of them are true and prove the Word of God and prophecy. Immanuel was His name which means, God with us.

The Son, the very image of the Father now takes upon Himself flesh and blood, to bear the record of all flesh and blood, to bear record of all truth, testify of the Father, work the works of Him that sent Him, and to destroy the powers of the Devil. He is the undimmed light of the world, and life everlasting that no man can attain to outside of Him, Jesus, Lord and Master.

Yes, Christmas is different—that day almost 2000 years ago, God sent us His Son, the greatest gift, by the greatest giver, All that a man is or has may vanish, but the Gift still remains. Ages come and go, but the Gift is still in force. No barrier nor barricade can stop the flow of the Love of God, because Jesus has been given to every man. He is the Perfect Gift.

Now read Isaiah 9:6-7. Here are key verses for an introduction to Jesus. What wonderful words, a child is born, a Son is given. Many souls have been born into the world, some from the homes of kings were set to be kings themselves. Some came into this world in bondage and as sons of slaves. Many thousands of the masses came hardly noticed only to the home into which they were born, some of these will go out of this world generally unknown and others will rise

to wealth and fame. But of all the births there was only one Jesus. It is said that upon Him would rest the government. Here is another mountain peak of prophecy for it speaks of the time when Jesus shall reign as King of kings and Lord of Lords and none shall say, “Know ye the Lord” for all shall know Him, from the least to the greatest and the knowledge of the Lord shall cover the earth as the waters cover the sea.

He, as greatest of monarchs carries about eighty titles. **Wonderful** is one of them. No other word so fills the meaning of One who does all things well and as the source and foundation of wisdom. He becomes Counselor to whosoever will. Jesus is our unfailing Mighty God, Prince of Peace and Branch of Life and the strength and power of Righteousness. He is the voice of the Father to the ends of the earth. Jesus was given as the Prince of Peace. There is a cry everywhere for peace, yet fear reigns and dread abides, because those who plan for world peace in many cases have no knowledge of the fountain of peace. In turbulent waves of doubt, men become, restless and fearful. When Jesus is left out of the scheme of life there is no true pattern to follow. No marvel that Christmas is different. No other can be as Jesus is, no other can work such a wonder so that his life lives on, not only at Heaven's Throne, but in the heart of every Child of God. The light and the hope and the faith in His birth still shines in this our year of 1959, so that we can truthfully say, Merry Christmas in His Name. We can pronounce blessings and promote good through Jesus, Wonderful Saviour, guide and advisor. His birth was not in vain. He lived before the day of His earthly birth with the Father and the Cross did not end life for Him—He lives forever. The power of the Resurrection brought Him to the eternal High Priesthood. Now He abides and slips into the very life of every believer. The Inn is closed, the wise men are gone, Herod reigns no more, but the Cry of Merry Christmas still lives as a sweet echo of pure faith.

May God bless you and a Very Merry Christmas to all of you.

Gail W. Schultz and Family

## THE GIFT OF THE WORD OF KNOWLEDGE

By ROBERT GIROUARD

*The Second of a series on "The Gifts of the Spirit"*

In the enumeration of the nine gifts of the Holy Spirit, found in first Corinthians, chapter twelve, the first two listed are the Gift of the Word of Wisdom and the Gift of the Word of Knowledge, in the order named. These two spiritual gifts are perhaps the two gifts that are the most difficult to differentiate between and to explain.

Wisdom and knowledge are by no means the same thing. Wisdom has been defined as knowledge rightly applied. It is possible for one to be educated in the arts and sciences and to possess college degrees and yet have very little wisdom. On the other hand, one who does not possess a great deal of knowledge may have a surprisingly large store of wisdom.

It suits our convenience to deal with the gift of the **Word of Knowledge** first. This gift does not consist of the increase of natural knowledge by the action of the Holy Spirit upon the human mind. It is not gained by years of faithful and prayerful study of the Holy Scriptures. A person may be capable of giving Bible lessons to great religious gatherings and yet be a stranger to this gift. On the other hand a young convert who has little knowledge of the Bible, but who is filled with the Holy Spirit, may be a channel through whom this gift may operate. In the operation of this gift, human knowledge and ability do not count; the mind is passive. Spiritual gifts are not acquisitions, they are direct manifestations of the Holy Spirit.

This gift has been erroneously called the **Gift of Knowledge**. The New Testament does not teach anything about a spiritual gift of knowledge. It is the WORD of Knowledge which is quite another thing. It was probably the error of thinking of this gift as the gift of knowledge which caused some of the early Bible expositors to class it as a gift of teaching, which we are sure it is not.

God knows all things at all times, past, present and future. All the treasures of wisdom and knowledge are said to be hidden in Him. When it pleases God by His Spirit to make

known to man a fragment, a very small part of His knowledge, that is a "WORD" of Knowledge.

Following are a few examples of the gift:

(1) To make known to man the story of creation. Genesis chapter one.

How did Moses gain his knowledge of the story of Creation found in the first chapter of Genesis? The account of creation found there is a model of brevity, scientific accuracy and completeness. It was given by inspiration of God. 2 Tim. 3:16. God gave Moses a small part, a fragment, a Word of Knowledge, out of the storehouse of His All-Knowledge when He revealed to him the story of the origin of all things.

(2) To make known that lost property had been found. 1 Sam. 9:20.

The prophet Samuel told Saul that his father's asses which had strayed away had been found. How did Samuel get his information? No doubt, by a Word of Knowledge from the Lord.

(3) To reveal the true condition of seven churches. Revelations chapters one, two and three.

While John was in exile on the island of Patmos, he received a Word of Knowledge, while he was in the Spirit, (Rev. 1:10), which revealed to him the true spiritual condition of the seven churches which were in Asia.

(4) To reveal a brother in need. Acts 9:10-16.

a. By the gift of a Word of Knowledge, Saul's condition and need were made known to a disciple by the name of Ananias. He was even told the street and the house where Saul could be found.

b. Instances are known in modern times when God by the gift of a Word of Knowledge made known to some-one, hundreds of miles away, the great need of one of His servants. The revelation was given to induce prayer for deliverance from severe illness, or to cause one to respond to some financial need.

(5) To enlighten an altar worker.

Sometimes seekers for spiritual experiences seem to pray against a stone wall. On some occasions Spirit-filled workers are given by the Spirit, a Word of Knowledge as to the reason for the lack of victory on part of the seeker.

(6) To encourage a servant of the Lord. 1 Kings 19:18.

a. Elijah thought that he was the only one in Israel who was serving the Lord, but the Lord by a Word of Knowledge let him know that there were seven thousand who had not bowed the knee to Baal.

b. Paul received encouragement to preach boldly with the assurance that no one would harm him. This Word of Knowledge was conveyed to him by a vision. Acts 18:9-10.

(7) To expose sin. 2 Kings 5:20-27.

Gehazi, servant of Elisha, received money and garments from Naaman, under false pretense. But by a Word of Knowledge to Elisha, the Lord exposed the hypocrisy of Gehazi.

(8) To warn of impending danger. 2 Kings 6:8-12.

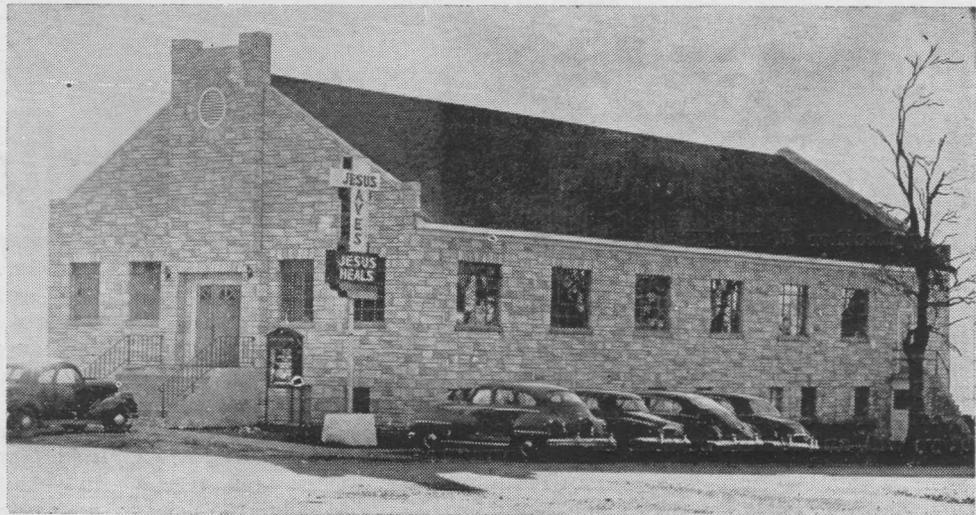
The secret plans of the King of Syria to destroy Israel were made known by the gift of a Word of Knowledge that Elisha received from the Lord. Elisha relayed the information received to the King of Israel who was able to avert disaster to his armies as a result of this information.

The foregoing examples showing how the gift operates, though sketchy and incomplete, are sufficient to show that it would be incorrect to call it the gift of Knowledge. It is the gift of the Word of Knowledge.

The question may be raised as to the propriety of giving examples of gifts of the Spirit from the Old Testament because the Holy Spirit was not yet given. John 7:37-39. It is true that the baptism of the Holy Spirit was not made available to all of God's people until the beginning of this dispensation of grace; but it must not be overlooked that some of the men of God in Old Testament times lived very close to God, and experienced the Spirit's power in their lives to an extent not exceeded by any one living in the present dispensation of the Holy Spirit. If the examples cited from the Old Testament had occurred in the dispensation of the Holy Spirit, they would be classed as gifts of the Word of Knowledge.

Our next article will deal with the Gift of the Word of Wisdom.

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## BIBLE SCHOOL

ANYONE of good character who has a desire for Biblical Knowledge and who is willing to do an honest job of studying is welcome to attend.

No tuition or board is charged. The Apostolic Faith Bible School is a FAITH School operated on the free-will offering plan.

Dormitory rooms are provided for single students without charge. Married students can secure rooms or apartments at reasonable rates.

Meals are served to all students in the School Cafeteria.

Students are required to take three or more subjects—two of which must be Bible subjects.

Members of the faculty trust the Lord for their support. Money sent to the School for them should be so designated.

The School Term will begin January 4th and will close March 31st.



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# Divine Healing . . . and Our Faults

By Brother J. W. Elliott

**"But whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in him." 1 John 2:5** Jesus said in St. John 15:7, "If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you."

What does it mean to really abide in Christ? Abide means to stay, yes stay. These are days of skepticism and unbelief in the land. So many supposed Christians today say that they believe in Divine Healing, yet you find them in the hospitals for treatment instead of calling for the Elders of the Church. Did James say, "If any among you is sick, let him take an aspirin, send for the doctor to give him a shot if he doesn't get results from the aspirin."? Well many good people that believe in Divine Healing do that. But the Bible says, "Is any sick among you? Let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anoint-

ing him with oil in the name of the Lord: And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him. Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another that ye may be healed." James 5:14, 15, 16.

In my many years as an Apostolic Faith preacher I have been in only one or two services where the pastor or preacher in charge really called upon the believers to confess their faults. I believe if the sick people would obey the Bible in confessing their faults (not the other fellow's faults) there would be many more healings in answer to prayer. In Psalms 105:37 we are told that there was not one lame person among them that came out of Egypt.

God says in I Cor. 3:16-17, "Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you: If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are." A person can defile

the temple of God by taking strong medicine. Some defile the temple of God with cigarettes. Many doctors declare cigarette smoking is one of the causes of lung cancer. Lung cancer is on the increase in the U. S. A. Another scripture says, "—and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's" I Cor. 6:19-20. Yes we are bought with a price, the precious blood of Jesus Christ.

God told the children of Israel in the book of Exodus that He would keep away all sickness from them if they would keep all His commandments. Surely they believed what God said as there was not a lame one among them. Today, even in times like this, many are being healed, but so many of God's children are diseased and some are in hospitals. In Heb. 11:6 it says that it is impossible to please God without faith. It is time all believers of Divine Healing take an invoice of themselves.

## ATTENTION!

### Bible School Donors

(Many have expressed a desire to help in the school, and sometimes ask what is needed. The following is a list of items always needed in the School.)

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All gifts sent in the past are appreciated; they are put to good use.

Mrs. Frieda Welsh, Dean of Girls

**BOX 383****Perryton, Texas****FRANKLIN, TEXAS**

God bless you as our new editor. You shall have our prayers and support and good will.

I deeply appreciate each issue of the Report and "Thank" our good Lord for the spiritual feast it contains. I eagerly devour its contents in a few hours after receiving it.

In Christian bonds,  
Mrs. M. C. Wallingford

**SHIPROCK, NEW MEXICO**

We have recently moved to Shiprock, New Mexico and are now teaching in the Shiprock Boarding School for the Navajo Children. Our school cares for about twelve hundred children.

The school in Ft. Defiance, Arizona was closed last March due to existing conditions in some of the dormitories which were considered fire hazards. It was impossible to get immediate renovation or rebuilding done, so it was closed. The school there had an enrollment of five hundred pupils.

We are enjoying our work here and feel that it is definitely a missionary effort.

Remember us in prayer, and if you folks are ever in this area, come by and see us. We are enclosing an offering for the paper and check for you and your family.

In Christian Love  
Paul and Mary Ross and Elaine

**KATY, TEXAS**

I am sending you a check for the Missionary offering from the Deckers Prairie Church to be used for the Apostolic Faith Report.

I have been taking care of the Deckers Prairie Church since the death of my husband.

I feel God is blessing the work but we need your prayers that we may be led of God in doing his work.

Sister Nettie Richey is in special need of prayer for healing. I am still convinced there is nothing too hard for God to do. Please pray for her.

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Melissa E. Corl

**EXCERPTS****BOX 133****Hardesty, Okla.****SNYDER, TEXAS**

Greetings from the Snyder, Texas Church:

Since coming here as pastors, the first Sunday in September, we have seen three precious souls saved. The body of the church voiced the expression afterward, "I received such a blessing, that I felt as though I had been saved again."

The Sunday School has more than doubled in attendance. The Lord has blessed us with some badly needed material, such as new song books and new paint on the parsonage and the church.

Now we are launching out into the deep. The Lord being our helper we are beginning a "By Faith Building Program." We want to enlarge the present auditorium, add a baptistry and four Sunday School rooms and some other needed facilities.

We covet your prayers. We invite all Ministers of the Faith to come by at any time.

Your for the cause of Christ  
Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Cooper

**DRONES**

Some of you Christians do not put your hand to the pull. Then the rest of us have to labor so much the more, and the worst of it is—we have to draw you also. While you do not add to the strength that draws, you increase the weight that is to be drawn.—Spurgeon.

**ALIEF, TEXAS**

Just a line to let you know we are happy in the service of the King. We finally got moved and are now settling down to the church and its responsibilities. The people here have asked us to give full time to the church, so we are glad for this opportunity to spend all of our time in one capacity.

God has been giving us some wonderful services. We are having revival services with Bro. Kerr and wife as our evangelists. We are expecting a real break-through. Some new material coming for which we are glad.

Our Radio Programs are still going strong, and we feel that God is using them to glorify the movement.

Best regards,  
Bennie Stanberry

**KATY, TEXAS**

Brother O. A. Busch started a revival here November 3rd. Sisters Vonda and Mavis VanBenthusen are in charge of the Choir and special singing. They are using the fine talent in the church and with God's blessings we are having outstanding special singing and soul-stirring preaching. We met every evening for a thirty-minute or hour season of prayer for a week before the revival began.

God bless you and keep you keeping up the good work by the printed word.

In Christian Love,  
Donald D. Dibbens

**A WORD OF THANKS**

Thanks to God first for meeting the past needs of the Bible School. He gave us a capable and dedicated Faculty. He gave us a fine group of students. He gave us a host of helpers throughout our Movement who upheld the school in prayer, supported the school in a financial way and in gifts of meats, canned fruits and vegetables, tea towels, aprons and other useful gifts.

No superintendent could wish for greater co-operation on the part of his co-workers than we received.

*Supt. Robert Girouard*



## Friends of Christ

(CHILDREN'S PAGE)



### Someone Had My . . .

#### A Freddy Fox Adventure

"Mother, where are my skates?" called Freddy. He had just searched his toy box and the hall closet. "They are probably where you left them," said his mother. "No, they aren't," cried Freddy. "I always put them in my box or in the closet and they aren't here. Tommy must have had them. Mother, I wish you would make him leave my things alone; he never puts them away." Two days later Freddy found his skates behind the garage where he had left them. Now he remembered . . . he was going to put them away, but Willie Wolf came over and he forgot. . .

"Oh! Mother, where did you put my arithmetic book?" "I didn't put it anywhere, Freddy, you must have mislaid it yourself." "NO, I didn't," said Freddy. "Last night I put it on the table like I always do, and now it isn't there." When Mrs. Fox cleaned the house she found the book behind the cushion where Freddy had sat while doing his homework. "I

guess I didn't put it on the table after all," said Freddy.

As the days went by Freddy got to the point where he blamed someone else for what ever happened. He missed his questions in school because his teacher didn't talk plain! He made an out in the ball game because the catcher made him nervous! He spilled his milk because his brother bumped his arm; And so it went, on and on. One evening as Freddy started to say, "Jimmy lost my . . ." his father took him by the arm and sat him in a chair. "I'm tired of hearing you blame other people when things go wrong," said Mr. Fox. "You have formed a terrible habit of shoving your mistakes off on someone else. I expect you to be more careful in the future."

Boys and Girls, the next time you start to say, "Someone had my . . ." or, "Someone lost my . . .," or, "Someone made me . . .," think of Freddy. Maybe his habit of blaming others is becoming one of your habits, also.

## Bible School Work Week was Success

There were twenty people working here during Bible School Work-Week. The School buildings received a "face-lifting" and the place surely looks clean and attractive.

The hall, study room, two rest rooms and one apartment of the Chapel Building were re-painted. The dining room of the Home Building has been completely redecorated. The kitchen and the dish-washing room was re-painted and new floor coverings and cabinet tops have been installed.

Our thanks to all who helped in every way.

Supt. Robert Girouard

#### CHRISTMAS WISH

If I had a Christmas Wish,  
I know what it would be.  
I would not wish for lots of toys,  
Nor for a Christmas tree.  
My wish would be for every child,  
And for their mom and dad,  
To think of Christ at Christmas,  
It's sure to make them glad.

#### YES OR NO

1. Jesus was layed in a baby crib?—
  2. "Jesus is born in Jeruselem," said the Angel? —.
  3. The shepherds came to see Jesus? —.
  4. "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men," said the heavenly host? —.
- ANSWERS: 1. No. 2. No. 3. Yes. 4. Yes.

"Let's not sidestep the important issues—we can't go forward by stepping sideways."

#### A LETTER TO THE PASTORS OF THE APOSTOLIC FAITH

Dear Pastor and Co-Worker in the Vineyard of the Lord:

There will not be a general tour of the churches this year in behalf of the **Apostolic Faith Bible School**. The people must know about the School in order to attend, support and pray for it.

We ask pastors, former students of the School and those who know the high quality of instruction given here to encourage all who possibly can, to attend.

You will receive several posters in the mails which tell the story of the Bible School and show the pictures of the Faculty and Bible School workers. Please post one in your church.

We will gladly answer all letters, or any inquiry of any kind pertaining to the Bible School.

We are asking you and your church to put the School and its students and teachers on your prayer list.

May God bless you.

With Christian Love,  
Robert Girouard, Superintendent

# Crusaders for Christ

(YOUTH PAGE)

## WHAT IS A CRUSADER?

During the years that the Moslems controlled Jerusalem, Christian kings led frequent expeditions to the Holy Land to try to free that city. Those who joined these expeditions were known as crusaders. The name **crusade** comes from the Latin word **crux**, which means "cross." Since the cross of Christ was the official badge of those who joined the great expeditions, the expression "taking the cross," meant becoming a crusader.

Youth, you have a challenge to become a modern Crusader for Christ! Many wonderful adventures lie ahead of you. Begin today!

### Cleansing Blood

"I saw it as a flash of light, and what you so see you can never unsee—First, I was shown that the blood of Jesus Christ, God's Son, cleanseth us from all sin.

"And then it was made plain to me that He who had thus cleansed me, had power to keep me clean. So I utterly yielded myself to Him, and simply trusted Him to keep me."

—Frances Havergal.

(Read: I John 1:7; I Peter 1:5.)

## CRUSADERS FOR CHRIST

Some of our Apostolic Faith Youth groups have selected the above title to identify them. Thus, the same title has been selected for our Youth Page. It is our prayer that this new addition to the "Report" will be helpful and inspirational to our Youth. May they be zealous Crusaders for Christ! To His glory we dedicate these pages.

## TRI-STATE DISTRICT YOUTH RALLY

Janice Burrows, secretary, reports increasing interest among the youth of this area

The rallies are held in six different churches. An attendance banner is given to the church with the most people present.

The Granby Youth have presented a sermonette for each rally the past fourteen months.

In October the Rally featured a "Preachers' Salvation Experience Service." The preachers gave short

## CRUSADER

Wrapped in a flowing cloak of crimson red,

He bore a snow-white banner and a shield of gold; the golden helmet on his head,

Glistened like a grain above a summer field.

He must have felt a warm and singing hope

As he and his companion traveled on  
Across the hills and down a rugged slope,

Riding to vigils far beyond the dawn.  
Today, O youth, the glory-lighted hour

Awaits you: ride with the King's flag unfurled

And hearts aflame with high and holy power,

Crusading on the highway of the world.

Lift up your golden shields! Be strong! Be true!

The mighty God of Hosts has need of you.

Grace V. Watkins

"Put on the whole armour of God that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil." (Eph. 6:11.)

"Fight the good fight of faith, . . ." (1 Tim. 6:12.)

"But may it never be mine to boast of anything but the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, . . ." (Gal. 6:14, Williams Translation.)

"Thou therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus . . . endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ." (II Tim. 2:1-3.)

## THREE CROSSES

Three crosses pierced the sky on that memorable crucifixion day. In the middle was the Cross of the Lord Jesus Christ. On the one hand was the cross of the believing thief on his way to Perdition.

In the middle was the Cross of Redemption. On the one hand was the cross of Repentance and on the other the cross of Rejection.

In the middle was the Cross of Holiness. On the one hand was the cross of Humility and on the other the cross of Hatred.

In the middle was the Cross of Pardon. On the one hand was the cross of Penitence and on the other the cross of Punishment.

In the middle was the Man who died for sin. On the one hand was the man who died to sin and on the other the man who died in sin.

—Selected

## The Editors

sketches of their conversion and call to the ministry.

# The Apostolic Faith Bible School

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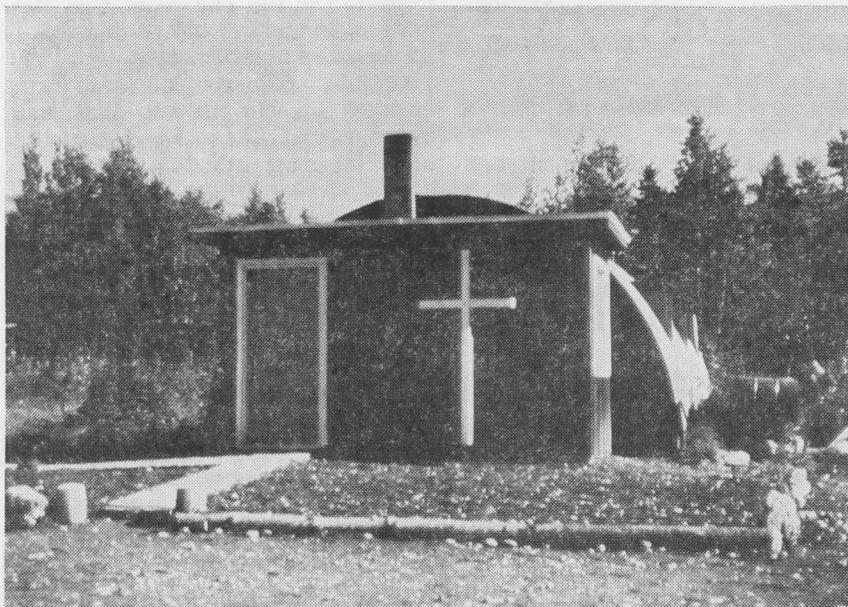
# Story of the Full-Gospel CHAPEL in Spenard, Alaska

By J. D. Ray

The Full Gospel Chapel, located ten miles south-east of downtown Anchorage, Alaska, had its beginning some time ago through the vision of a lay-couple from Spenard Chapel, Brother and Sister Philip Oswald. Progress was greatly hindered because of lack of a full time pastor.

My wife and I were invited to take charge of the work in November of 1958 but we felt it necessary to go to the states for a few months, then to return here in May of this year. Sister Edna Neff of Wichita, Kans., accompanied us on the 5,000 mile trip over the Alcan Highway and is staying to assist with the work.

*The Chapel As It Is Now*



*The Chapel Before Remodeling*

Our first Sunday, May 16th, we had 10 in Sunday School. This past month of September we averaged 30 in Sunday School. God has given us a number of souls for which we are most thankful.

The building pictured above is a converted army quonset hut. Across the front we have built a room which serves as a church office and a class room. The capacity of our building is small. We plan, the Lord willing, to begin a permanent building next spring.

Our dwelling is a 37 foot trailer

house onto which we have added a 12x24 foot cabin or "wanagan." This makes our living quite comfortable.

Through the medium of the Apostolic Faith Report, we would like to express our heartfelt thanks to those who have helped us to continue this work for God. To the churches as well as individuals, we are indebted. Praise God for your vision!

Indeed as we look back over the past several months we see where the hand of God has provided and moved wonderfully. By faith in the living God we see a glorious future for this gospel light in Alaska, THE FULL GOSPEL CHAPEL.

### Your Alaska Missionaries

J. D. & Eula Ray

Joanie Ray & Edna Neff

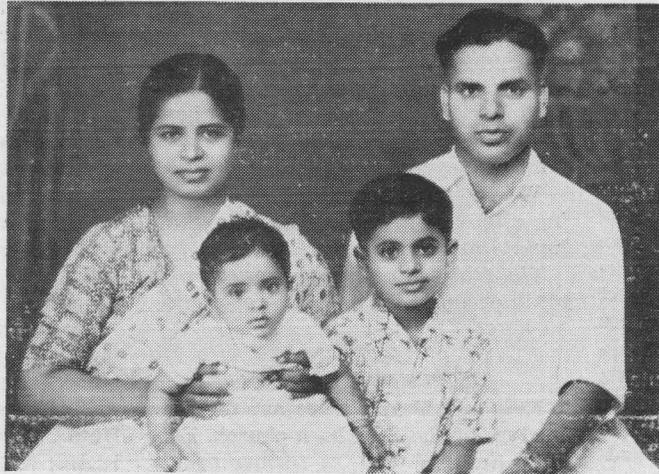
#### EDITOR'S NOTE:

Bro. Ray is sending 50 copies of the December APOSTOLIC FAITH REPORT to the people on his mailing list.

We can at least support this work with our prayers and offerings.

# A Letter from the Abrahams

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 "Hebron"  
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**DEAR ONES IN CHRIST:**

Greetings to you all in the Sweet Name of our Lord and Saviour! We are glad for this opportunity to write a few lines to you through the pages of the Report. As you know, it is rather difficult for us to write to all our friends in the States and elsewhere individually. Hope you will regard this as a personal letter to you from your brother and sister and children in India.

The Lord is good to us and He is blessing us in the work here. We are glad to say that the Lord is saving souls through our humble ministry. We are glad for the privilege that the Lord has given us of working for Him in this country.

At present I am in the south, teaching in our Bible School. This Bible School was started in 1930 by my father and each year, since then, we are able to train up young people and send them out into the ministry. During this term of the school we have about 35 students enrolled, all dedicated for the work. This is a Faith School and the Lord is helping us and supplying the needs of the school and enabling us to carry on the work.

I am also in charge of our monthly paper which is published in our native language. That work too is blessed and by it we are able to send out the Gospel to many. Our work among the young people and children is also progressing and is being blessed of the Lord.

As some of you might have heard, our State was under communist rule for some time. Though the Communist Government was dismissed by the Indian Government because of the great agitation by the people, we are not sure what will happen in the next election. Also now the Communist China is attacking the northern border of India. Please uphold us in your prayers that the Lord be with us and keep us safe in days to come.

Thank you very much for all the help you are doing for us. The Lord will surely bless you for it. We are praying that He may shower upon you His choicest blessings. For your information, let me tell you that the best way to send us any help is by sending the amount by International Money Order. If it is difficult to get the International Money Order at your post office, you may send us help by sending whatever you like to: Bro. Marcus L. Adair, Box 4, Follett, Texas and he will send the same to us without any difficulty. Thank you very much.

I remember with joy the good fellowship I had with all you dear ones in the States while I was with you a few years back. We are praying that the Lord may help us to visit you again and to enjoy your fellowship.

If you like to write to us you may

write to either of the two addresses

We do remember you all in our prayers. Please do continue to pray for us and for the work here in India. With Christian Love and greetings,

Yours in Christ,  
 Brother and Sister T. S. Abraham

## Radio Programs

**"HEAVENLY LOVE"**

Evangelist Jack Hopson  
 Route 4, Quitman, Mississippi

**W P R N 1220**

**BUTLER, ALABAMA**  
 2:15 P.M., Sunday

**"HAVEN OF REST"**

A. B. Stanberry,  
 Alief, Texas

**K F R D 980**  
 Rosenberg, Texas  
 8:30 A.M., Sunday

**"HAVEN OF REST"**

A. B. Stanberry,  
 Alief, Texas

**K E R V 1230**  
 Kerrville, Texas  
 8:15 A.M. Sunday

# PASTORAL REPORTS

## PROSPERITY, MISSOURI

The Church at Prosperity has for their new pastors, Raymond and Etta Mae Peters of Granby, Missouri. Let us pray for their success in this field.

## SPEARMAN, TEXAS

There are special services at the Apostolic Faith church here. Bro. Gail W. Schultz and family are working with these people for the next several weeks. The Sunday services will be under their leadership. During the week there will be four nights Tuesday through Friday, devoted to Bible lessons. Tuesday night will be a lesson in General Prophecy; Wednesday night in Advanced Prophecy; Thursday night in Doctrine and its necessity. On Friday night another class will be conducted on **Evangelism in Action** with Sister Edna Schult, as teacher. Services begin at 7:30 each evening with the lesson at 8:00 to last about an hour. There will be no services on Monday and Saturday nights. It is the desire of this church that anybody that can attend, to be sure and do so. If you cannot come every night, come when possible.

Mrs. E. A. Greever, Pastor

## ARNETT, OKLAHOMA

Mrs. Louise Sutton, pastor, reports that the recent revival conducted by Evangelist and Mrs. Lowell Long was a blessing to the church there. The preaching was wonderful and the crowds were good. The Sutton's enjoy the Apostolic Faith Report.

## HEMPSTEAD, TEXAS

Several prayed through to the Baptism of the Holy Spirit in the October revival conducted by Bro. C. O. Bard.

## PINE CREST CHAPEL, ALABAMA

L. J. Ehrlich, pastor, reports the conclusion of a ten day revival. Evangelist Opal Ferry of Chicago, Ill., conducted the meetings. A few were saved and sanctified.

The women have formed a Missionary club.

Finishing touches are being made on the new parsonage. Also, two class-rooms are being completed.

## PINE HILL, ALABAMA

Brother Harold J. Bollinger reports: "We have moved benches into an old warehouse building. It looks quite nice since we hung curtains and moved in our Hammond Organ. We have had Sunday School the past three Sundays, averaging 17 in attendance.

We desire to buy a lot for a building site, but prices are so extremely high. But God is able.

We really do need the prayers of all in order to see a Church established here.

## HEMPSTEAD, TEXAS

Ross and Marie Briles are the new Pastors of the Buckhorn church. Bro. John Scruggs was the former pastor and builder.

## ARTESIA, NEW MEXICO

Sister Odessa Summerford writes that a number of people have recently been converted. This has been a big step of progress, the evidence of weeks and months of hard labor.

A used church building is being purchased and a building fund set up. Sis. Summerford concludes: "The church is doing nicely and we are beginning a children's and young people's "Happy Christian Club" which will meet every Friday night."

Pray for this growing work.

## CENTER POINT, TEXAS

Bro. Lee Brock has resigned as pastor. He has moved to California. Center Point Church is praying for a Pastor.

## STOCKTON, CALIFORNIA

This church enjoyed some special revival services conducted by Bro. & Sis. Lee Brock, assisted by Bro. and Sis. Robert Wayne Girouard.

### MINISTERS NOTICE

We will print a list of revisions to the **Ministers Directory** in the February Apostolic Faith Report.

If we had your name or address incorrect in the "Directory" or if your name was left out, please send us your correct name and address before January 15th, 1959. This also applies to the Gospel Workers.

The Editors

Many folks are not filled with the Holy Spirit because they are not willing to be emptied of the unholy spirits of worldliness, carnality and self-sufficiency. Selected.

Consecration is being crucified with Christ. It means dying to all those pleasures and gratifications which flow from undue love of self, the admiration of the world, the ownership of goods, and the inordinate love of kindred and friends which go together to make up the life and joy of the natural man. This may be painful, but we must be crucified with Christ if we are to live with Him. (Read: Rom. 6:12-13; Rom. 12:1-2; Gal. 2:20.) Selected.

The first New Testament prophecy concerning the Birth of the Son of God also states the mission of God's Son on earth, "And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS for he shall save his people from their sins." Matt. 1:21.

### OBITUARY

#### Mrs. Mary Hawn Fronk

Mary Cornelia Hawn was born in Huntington County Pennsylvania, March 11, 1876. She was married to David Sherman Fronk, July 17, 1898. To this union were born eleven children, two of which preceded her in death. Sister Mary Fronk was converted under the ministry of the Morton Sisters during their tent meeting at Balko, Oklahoma in 1922. She was baptized with a host of others by Evangelist Homer Coberly.

She passed away at Perryton, Texas November 13, 1959.

Her survivors include her husband, Sherman Fronk, Booker, Texas; Four daughters, Lorena Bartel, of Balko, Okla., Mrs. Beryl Overton of Beaver, Okla., Mrs. Nancy Cates of Elmwood, Okla., and Mrs. Hazel Simpson of Farnsworth, Texas, and five sons: Allen of Dallas, Tex., Archie and Vernon of Booker, Texas, Earl of Elmwood, Okla., and Ronald of Liberal, Kansas.

Funeral Services were held in the Balko, Oklahoma Apostolic Faith Church under the direction of Rev. Homer Coberly, of Lubbock, Texas.

# REVIVAL REPORTS

**Evangelist and Mrs. Ross Briles** were in revival at Doniphan, Mo., where Bro. and Sister George Hintergardt pastor.

**The Ray Michner's** were in revival in the Empire church in North Galena, Kans. Bro. Ted Jackson is the pastor.

**The Gospel Tones Quartet** conducted a very good revival in the Perryton, Tex., church. This quartet is composed of Truman Summerford, Ted Barker, Jack Cornell, and Edwin Modrick. From Perryton, Tex., they went to the Amarillo, Tex., church for revival. Truman Summerford was the Choir director, Mrs. Jack Cornell was the pianist and Brother Cornell, Barker and Modrick did the preaching.

**Bro. and Sister Floyd LaMunyan** conducted a good revival in the Kings Mill Community church, Kings Mill, Tex., where Edwin Waterbury is pastor. Bro. and Sister LaMunyan went from Kings Mill to Follett, Tex., for Revival where Bro. Marcus Adair is pastor.

**Evangelist Homer Coberly** conducted a good revival at Des Arc, Ark., September and October. The meeting continued four weeks with wonderful spiritual blessings to the church. Three most outstanding healings came in answer to prayer. Elbert Poole is the Pastor.

**Evangelist & Mrs. Gail W. Schultz** write: Our mailing address for the present is, General Delivery, Spearman, Texas. Residence: 611 South Haney Street.

**Evangelist C. O. Bard, of Joplin, Missouri** held a revival in the Crosses Arkansas Church which closed November 8th. This was a good revival. Three were sanctified and the entire church was edified. Bro. and Sis. Eugene Webster are the pastors.

Bro. Bard is to begin a revival in the Sunray, Texas church in early December. Leland Grimmer is pastor. Let us pray for the success of this meeting.

**Evangelist Lula Parham** was in revival in the Kingman, Kans., Apostolic Faith church in late October. The Spirit of the Lord prevailed.

Sister Pearl Menke, Pastor. Sister Parham also conducted services in the Enid, Okla., church.

**Brother Kay Kerr**, pastor of the Alvin church conducted a revival in the Alief, Texas church in Mid-October. Interest was good and new folks were attending.

**Evangelist Lowell Long of Elmwood**, Oklahoma conducted a ten-day revival in the Dumas, Tex., Apostolic Faith church. The church was edified with several seeking deeper blessings

Jim Morris, Pastor

**Evangelist F. P. Copeland** sends in a special request for prayer. Sister Copeland needs healing for a skin cancer on her face. They are earnestly praying and trusing God for her healing. Let us all help bear this burden to God in prayer. Bro. and Sister Copeland will be in Leahey, Tex., the next two months.

## DO YOU USE THESE WORDS?

An article in the "Evangelical Beacon" points out that when you say "the deuce" you are really saying "the devil," according to Webster's Dictionary. "Dickens is another euphemism for "the devil." "Darn," according to Funk and Wagnalls, means to "damn." Webster says "gosh" is a substitute for "God," as is "golly." "Gee," it says is a form of "Jesus." Many say "heavens" who wouldn't say "hell." Which is worse? "Let your communication be, Yea, yea; Nay, nay; for whatsoever is more than these cometh of evil." (Matt. 5:37.)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Born to Mr. and Mrs. Carl Eugene Allen** of Denver, Colo, a daughter, Carla Jean, on September 28, 1959.

**Born to Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Doty** of Alvin, Texas, a son, Obed Gale, on October 16, 1959.

## A SAVIOR IS BORN

Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost. Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not willing to make her a publick example was minded to put her away privily. But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared into him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost. And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins. Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the phopet, saying, Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being enterpreted, is God with us.

Then Joseph being raised from sleep did as the angel of the Lord had bidden him, and took unto him his wife; And knew her not till she had brought forth her firstborn son: and he called his name JESUS.

And Joseph also went up from Galilee . . . to be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn. And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them, and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

Taken from the Holy Bible

# The Revelation of Jesus Christ

By AUSTIN MORGAN

The Scriptures tell of certain Greeks coming to one of the disciples of Jesus and saying, "Sir, we would see Jesus." John 12:21.

Would you like to see Jesus? Today? You can for He has been revealed to us. 1 Sam. 3:21, "And the Lord appeared again in Shiloh: for the Lord revealed himself to Samuel in Shiloh by the word of the Lord." What better description can be given of the Lord than by His own Word? Notice—this revelation of the Lord to Samuel, came by the word of the Lord. Paul states in Romans 16:25-26, "Now to him that is of power to stablish you according to my gospel, and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery, which was kept secret since the world began, But now is made manifest." Christians must realize the value of studying God's Word. In John 16:14 Jesus said, "He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you." On most occasions this "showing" is through the Scriptures.

Rev. 1:1, "The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him, to shew unto his servants things which must shortly come to pass; and he sent and signified it by his angel unto his servant John." The word revelation means, an uncovering or an unveiling. Therefore Rev. 1:1 could be read, The revelation of Jesus Christ, or The unveiling of Jesus Christ. No doubt some have thought the Book of Revelation was a dream or vision belonging to Jesus, which he sent to John. Not so. This is a study of the uncovering of the glory, honour, and

position of Jesus given to Him by the Father.

The Gospel is the Revelation of Jesus Christ. Paul writing to the Church in Galatia says, "But I certify you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached of me, is not after man. For I neither received it of man, neither was I taught it, but by the revelation of Jesus Christ." Gal. 1:11-12. In a letter to the Ephesian brethren, Paul says, "I cease not to give thanks for you making mention of you in my prayers, That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him." Eph. 1:16-17. Therefore an exposition of the Bible revelations of Jesus would be Gospel preaching.

Again Rev. 1:1, "The Revelation of Jesus Christ which God gave unto him." The unveiling of Christ's position and glory given to Him by God, is divided into four parts of the Gospel. They are: (1) Before Christ came into the world. (2) His earthly ministry, (3) The glory following the resurrection, (4) His Second Coming and World Rulership. We shall omit number 3 in this study.

I. Consider first the unveiling of Christ, before He came into the world born of a virgin. Gal. 3:8, "And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the heathen through faith, preached before the gospel unto Abraham saying, In thee shall all nations be blessed." Now this preaching of the Gospel is simple, "In thee shall all nations be blessed." That is through Abraham would come Christ

or the Messiah, who would sit on the throne of David, and bless the world. Consequently, all Messianic prophecies have their place in the Gospel. Jesus gives proof to this fact for in Luke 24:27 we read, "And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself."

There are other scripture passages to be added to this list. I will mention only a few. Isa. 9:6-7; Dan. 9:24-26; Luke 1:28-35. Perhaps two greater scriptures belonging to this group would be: Gen. 3:15, which gives the first promise of a Savior, and Rev. 13:8, The lamb slain from the foundation of the world, shows the determination of God to save man from his sin, by the blood of His only begotten Son. This seems to be the eternal purpose. (Eph. 3:11)

II. Now the unveiling of Christ's ministry, past and present. From portions of the sermons preached by Peter, Jesus is unveiled before our eyes in His present power. Reading first from Acts 2:31-33, "He seeing this before spake of the resurrection of Christ, that his soul was not left in hell, neither his flesh did see corruption. This Jesus hath God raised up, whereof we all are witnesses. Therefore being by the right hand of God exalted, and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, he hath shed forth this, which ye now see and hear." Then Peter's sermon in Cornelius' house. Acts 10:38-43, "How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were op-

pressed of the devil; for God was with him. And we are witnesses of all things which he did both in the land of the Jews, and in Jerusalem; whom they slew and hanged on a tree; Him God raised up the third day, and shewed Him openly; Not to all the people, but unto witnesses chosen before of God, even to us, who did eat and drink with him after he rose from the dead. And he commanded us to preach unto the people, and to testify that it is he which was ordained of God to be the Judge of quick and dead. To him give all the prophets witness, that through his name whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins"

In these few scriptures are contained the doctrine of our faith. Standing here, we are on solid Bible grounds. This is the Gospel of the Bible. This is the Gospel of Christ. This is the Gospel of Paul. And this is the Gospel we should have. It is the Revelation of Jesus Christ. Anyone preaching contrary to this Gospel, is preaching another Gospel; which in reality is not another, but in plain words is a perversion of the Gospel of Christ. Gal. 1:6-7. Such people are cursed. Gal. 1:8.

Notice the positions Jesus fills as He is unveiled to us through Peter's sermon. (1) First of all we see Jesus as Savior. Acts 10:43, "—whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins." Jesus' own words: Luke 19:10, "For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost." Rom. 3:23-24 gives us this information, "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God, Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus;—" Oh, let the reader shout "Hallelujah!" There is redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches

of his grace. The scriptures declare plainly, Rom. 10:9, "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved." Here then is the basis of the whole plan of salvation, "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners."

Not only must Christ's redemptive power be applied to past transgressions, but also to the present power of sin. I John 1:7, "But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin." This is the teaching of Sanctification, Notice the scripture said all sin. This would mean any transgression and the power that makes one to transgress God's law which is "spiritual, holy, just, and good." Heb. 13:12 shows Jesus as the ONE who sanctifies: "Wherefore Jesus also, that he might sanctify the people with his own blood, suffered without the gate." Eph. 5:25-26 is more specific, "Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word." The doctrine of Sanctification would be this: Jesus has separated believers from their carnality by His Blood. Sanctification is the grace to bring this "old man" into subjection, furnishing the ability to live victorious and overcoming lives.

(2) Secondly, Jesus is presented by Peter as the ONE that baptizes in the Holy Spirit. Acts 2:33, "Therefore being by the right hand of God exalted, and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, He hath shed forth (poured out) this, which ye now see and hear." John the Baptist said, "And I knew him not: but he that sent me to baptize with water, the same said unto me,

Upon whom thou shalt see the Spirit descending and remaining on him, the same is he which baptizeth with the Holy Ghost." John 1:33. Hence John's statement in Mark 1:7-8, "There cometh one mightier than I after me, the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to stoop down and unloose. I indeed have baptized you with water; but he shall baptize you with the Holy Spirit." And may I say, the Lord is still faithful in this work. Any believer that will come to Him can receive the Baptism of the Holy Spirit today, an experience that will correspond with the second chapter of Acts.

No one has to beg the Lord to give them the Holy Spirit. He is the Holy Spirit of promise. Eph. 1:13, "In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that **Holy Spirit of promise.**" Acts 1:4 "And, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the **promise of the Father**, which, saith he, ye have heard of me." Luke 24:49, "And, behold, I send **the promise of my Father** upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high." Having these promises let us come as a child to our Father receiving through Jesus the gift He has promised to us which is a gift of power for: "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you." Jesus has now been unveiled before our eyes as the Baptizer in the Holy Spirit.

(3) Peter holds Jesus before our eyes as the Healer. Acts 10:38, "How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him." The Old Testament contains both accounts and promises of healing. Naaman the Leper and Moses with the Brazen Serpent are two examples in the Old Testament. However it is in the New Testament that Healing is brought into great prominence. The four Gospels are abundant with accounts of miracle healing by the Lord. Just to list a few: Matt. 12:15, "—and great multitudes followed him and he healed them all." Luke 1:32,34, "And at even, when the sun did set, they (continued on page 16)

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# The Revelation of Jesus Christ

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brought unto him all that were diseased, and them that were possessed with devils. And he healed many that were sick of divers diseases, and cast out many devils; and suffered not the devils to speak, because they knew him." Luke 6:17-19, "And he came down with them and stood in the plain, and the company of his disciples, and a great multitude of people out of all Judaea, and Jerusalem, and from the sea coast of Tyre and Sidon, which came to hear him, and to be healed of their diseases; And they that were vexed with unclean spirits: and they were healed. And the whole multitude sought to touch him: for there went virtue out of him, and healed them all."

I am sure there were healings performed by Jesus that are not recorded. John confesses there were many other signs Jesus did which were not recorded in his book. John 20:30. This we do know—there is abundant healing power in the Lord. Although Jesus is not present in physical body, He is still the Healer of His people. Divine Healing is a redemptive blessing to be enjoyed and shared by Christians of all ages. Matt. 8:17 gives the basis for our healing. "That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses." Just as Jesus bore our sins in His body on the tree, He took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses. There is not a disease or sickness invented or diagnosed that Jesus has not dealt with. Peter adds this bit of information. 1 Pet. 2:24, "—by whose stripes ye were healed." Notice the past tense of the verb—ye were healed. It has already been done. Jesus bore our sicknesses and suffered the stripes nearly 2000 years ago.

I wonder if this mistake isn't made often when prayer is offered for the sick. Hands are laid on the suffering and then we plead with God to be merciful and heal them. In a study through the Book of Acts one will note the Apostles did not pray for the Lord to be merciful and heal, instead they would command people to rise and walk in the name of Jesus, or else they would rebuke a fever and cast out devils in Jesus' name. By

what authority did they do this? By the same authority we can—the Word of God. Remember, by whose stripes ye were healed. It is not even a question of what God will do, but rather what He has already done. This is faith—believing God has done what His Word says.

III. Now there is one more revelation to consider. Luke 17:30, "Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed,—" and 1 Thess. 1:7, "And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels." Acts 3:20-21, "And he shall send Jesus Christ which before was preached unto you: whom the heaven must receive until the times of restitution of all things." That time is here. Jesus is coming.

The second coming of Jesus shall not be hid away in a corner. The whole world shall know, "For as the lightening cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of Man be." Matt. 24:27. John the Beloved, looking ahead in prophetic vision wrote of this day saying, "And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war. His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself. And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God. And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with

a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of almighty God. And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS." Rev. 19:11-13,15-16.

At long last comes the time when the sinner shall say to the mountains and rocks, "Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb: For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand." Rev. 6:16-17. This is the time best described by Paul's words from Rom. 2:5. "—the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God." 2 Thess. 1:7-9 further describes this event, "When the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power."

What a vast difference it will be for the Christian. Col. 3:4, "When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory." And 1 John 3:2, "But we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is." For . . . he shall come to be glorified in his saints, and be admired in all them that believe (because our testimony among you was believed) in that day." 2 Thess. 1:10.

After having considered a few of the Bible Revelations concerning Jesus, might we not say, "My eyes have seen the King in His beauty." The heart has to be made glad after much meditation, for surely it cries, "Amen. Even so come, Lord Jesus" and receive me unto Thyself.

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